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polyols satisfies $3.0 < n < 3.5$, where n is the average number of hydroxyl groups, and has an average oxyethylene group-content of from 60 to 90 wt%, based on the mixture of polyoxyalkylene polyols.

BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT

Claim 1 has been further amended, consistent with the paragraph bridging pages 5 and 6 of the specification, as well as the paragraph bridging pages 8-9 of the specification.

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Official Action by the Examiner of April 8, 2002, holding the response of January 28, 2002, to be not fully responsive to the prior Office Action of December 7, 2001.

The discussions with the Examiner on April 11 and 15, 2002, are herewith acknowledged with appreciation. Consistent therewith, Claim 1 has been further amended in a manner as so suggested by the Examiner. Claim 1, as presently amended, clearly is not ambiguous and is supported by the disclosure.

Further, "essentially" from line 2 of Claim 1 has been deleted. Also, "polyol" at line 5 of Claim 1 has been amended to --polyols--. Also, the basis of the weight percentages have been specified in the claim.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and an action on the merits and allowance of the claims is again requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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--1. (Twice Amended) A coating composition to form a coating layer or film of a hydrophilic polyurethane resin having a moisture permeability and being [essentially] non-porous, which comprises[,] an isocyanate group-containing prepolymer obtained by reacting diphenylmethane diisocyanate with the following mixture of polyoxyalkylene polyols:

a [A] mixture of polyoxyalkylene polyols [polyol] which contains at least 60 wt%, based on the mixture of polyoxyalkylene polyols, of a polyoxyethylene polyol, said polyoxyethylene polyol having at least three hydroxyl groups and having an oxyethylene group-content of at least 10 wt%, based on the polyoxyethylene polyol; wherein said mixture of polyoxyalkylene polyols satisfies $3.0 < n < 3.5$, where n is the average number of hydroxyl groups, and has an average oxyethylene group-content of from 60 to 90 wt%, based on the mixture of polyoxyalkylene polyols.--